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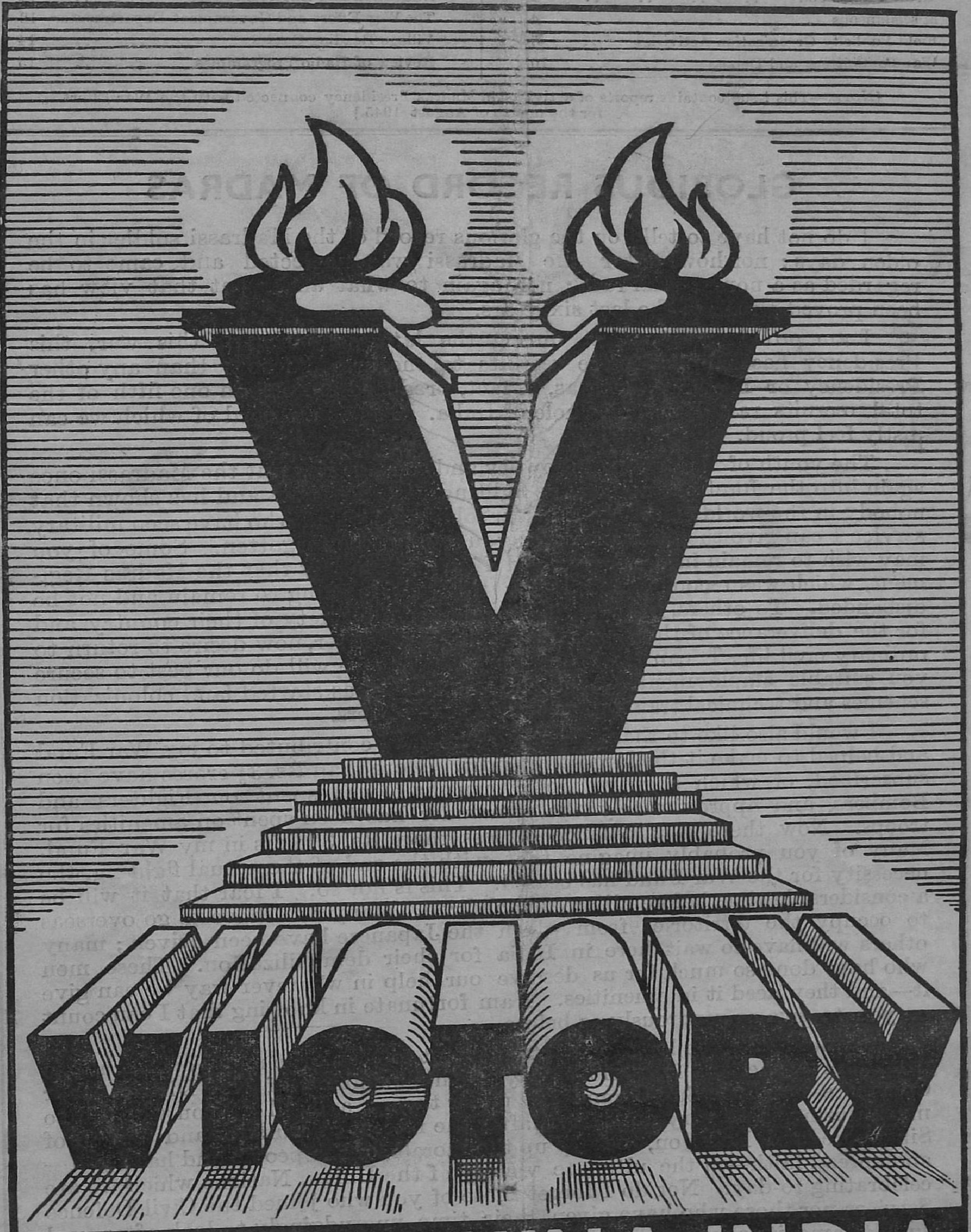
A MONTHLY REVIEW RECORDING THE MADRAS WAR EFFORT



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[NOTE.—This issue contains reports of activities in Madras Presidency connected with the War Effort for the month of August 1945.]

GLORIOUS RECORD OF MADRAS

I do not have to tell you the glorious record of the Madrassi soldier in the olden days; nor how, later the Madrassi was neglected and came to be regarded as a non-martial race; nor again to what an extent that view has been proved wrong in the last six years.

I am proud to say that during the latter months of this war, this Presidency has supplied more recruits to the armed forces than any other Presidency or Province. It has, in fact, produced more than one-fifth of the total recruits raised in the whole of India. This is a record of which we can justly feel proud.

The youth of Madras by its loyalty and courage has put the Madrassi once again into the forefront among the fighting races of India and has shown that nobody in the world can make a better soldier. To you who have seen military service I can give the assurance that you will not be forgotten. Some of you may wish to remain in the Army, and I am glad to say that the Madras Regiment, which was reconstituted during this war, is going to remain and not be disbanded. To others, who, having fought for the safety of their country and for the deliverance of the world from a mighty danger, now desire to return to ordinary civil life, I can give the assurance that we will do our best to secure you suitable employment, and this Government has started land colonization schemes and technical training centres for ex-soldiers.

I would also like to thank all those who have contributed to my War Fund and helped to make it the largest in India. More than Rs. $3\frac{1}{5}$ crores have been subscribed, of which slightly more than half was spent on Fighters and Bombers, and approximately the remainder has been spent on amenities for troops. Now there is a balance of less than Rs. 3 lakhs in my War Fund. Many of you probably imagine that with the end of the actual fighting, the necessity for the War Fund has ceased. This is not so. I fear that it will be a considerable time before all are demobilized. Many will have to go overseas to occupy the territories from which the Japanese have been driven; many others will have to wait here in India for their demobilization. These men who have done so much for us deserve our help in whatever way we can give it—and they need it in amenities. I am fortunate in knowing that I can count on you to give as generously as before.

It would take too long for me to attempt to thank the many organizations which have helped in various ways; the members of the District War Committees and the Sub-Committees under them; and all of you who did so much during those very dark days after the retreat at Dunkirk and the fall of Singapore and Rangoon, to keep up the morale of the people and had faith—and spread faith—in the ultimate victory of the United Nations which we are celebrating to-day. Nor do I forget those of you who joined the Civil Defence Services nor those who have given their time ungrudgingly to look after, and supply, amenities for the troops. To you, war-workers all, I give my personal thanks for your co-operation and support during these very difficult five and a half years which I have spent with you, and I also thank you on behalf of all humanity for the part you have played in the defeat of evil.

The transition from War to Peace is going to be difficult, and there will be many problems and worries. If we keep that unity which won us the war, then we shall win the peace as well, a peace that I hope will last for ever.

—H.E. SIR ARTHUR HOPE, *Governor of Madras, in his broadcast Victory Address to the people of the Province from the A.I.R., Madras, on 20th August* 1945.

V.-J. Day—Anantapur—Procession on 20th August 1945.

Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as on 27th August 1945.

Receipts.

From districts as under (including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund):—

	RS.	A.	P.
Coimbatore	24,15,083	12	8
Madras	23,59,256	6	4
East Godavari	22,35,922	3	4
Kistna	21,58,368	1	2
West Godavari	21,57,962	12	10
Vizagapatam	18,50,636	6	3
Tanjore	17,91,703	9	10
Tinnevelly	17,70,900	13	9
Guntur	17,14,795	2	3
Madura	15,66,599	12	2
Kurnool	15,22,157	4	10
Ramnad	14,23,123	11	0
Trichinopoly	12,17,890	11	9
Malabar	11,92,067	5	3
North Arcot	11,76,934	0	4
Nellore	10,65,514	1	7
Salem	10,36,782	10	5
South Arcot	9,21,798	0	10
Chingleput	9,07,766	10	3
South Kanara	8,98,432	13	11
Bellary	7,90,824	12	4
Cuddapah	7,69,912	2	5
Anantapur	7,19,146	3	5
Nilgiris	7,15,722	8	1
Chittoor	6,01,002	10	4
Travancore	1,14,548	1	6
Bangalore-Mysore-Coorg	29,432	7	9
Total Receipts	3,51,24,285	4	7

Disbursements.

	RS.	A.	P.
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—			
To Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadrons	1,81,33,333	5	4
To Specific charities in accordance with the wishes of donors and to the Joint War Charities Committee	70,10,345	12	11
To Indian Air Force	18,50,000	0	0
To Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of Armoured Carriers	4,10,000	0	0
To Madras Flying Club on account of Scholarships, Trainer Aircraft Parachutes and other equipment for training flying instructors, etc.	3,08,971	3	1
To His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors	14,532	1	2
To Joint War Charities Committee on account of "Amenities for Troops" earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors	56,28,831	1	7
To Relief of evacuees	1,56,726	6	5
To Sundry payments for which sanction has been accorded	84,418	8	10
Total Disbursements	3,38,49,219	4	10

Disbursements—cont.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
To Cost of Government of India 3 months' Treasury Bills for the face value of Rs. 5 lakhs	4,99,628	14	6			
Balance	7,75,437	1	3			
				12,75,065	15	9
Total				3,51,24,285	4	7

His Excellency the Governor's Tour

His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Lady Hope were present in Madras City to participate in the V.J. Day celebrations on August 19th and 20th. On the former day, observed as Thanksgiving Sunday, His Excellency attended divine service at St. Andrew's Church, St. George's Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral. On the morning of August 20th, which was declared a public holiday throughout the Province, His Excellency took the salute at a march past of a large and representative parade of the Services. Later in the day, His Excellency and the Hon'ble Lady Hope visited poor-feeding centres in the City. In the evening His Excellency and the Hon'ble Lady Hope drove in state to a largely attended public meeting at which His Excellency spoke. In the course of his speech, His Excellency reviewed the course of events culminating in the cessation of hostilities and the triumph of the Allied cause. His Excellency also applauded the glorious part played by Madrassis in the various theatres of war, and concluded with an appeal for unity and goodwill for an enduring peace throughout the world. On the same evening His Excellency broadcast a message to the people of the Presidency; thanking them for their arduous labours and sacrifices in the prosecution of the war, and appealed for continued financial support to provide amenities for the troops still on service.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S THANKS TO FIELD PUBLICITY ORGANIZATION

The following message was sent to Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director of Publicity, Madras, by His Excellency the Governor of Madras on the occasion of the celebration in Madras of the Allied Victory over Japan:—

"I am writing to thank you personally and all your staff, for the excellent arrangements which you made for the celebration of the surrender of Japan and the final termination of the war.

The arrangements this time had to be made at even shorter notice than those for V.E. Day and I greatly appreciate the immense amount of work which must have been done by all of you."

National Savings Movement

The following subscriptions were reported during August 1945 for the various forms of savings:—

	RS.
Three per cent 2nd Victory Loan	1,13,45,900
National savings certificates	11,52,725
Defence savings bank deposits	1,79,307
Collective subscriptions	3,890
Five-year-interest-free prize bonds	95,970

Major Korts, Deputy National Savings Commissioner, Simla, visited Madras for reviewing the progress of the Small Savings Scheme.

Authorized agents.—In towns, the Assistant National Savings Circle Officers replaced the inefficient agents by more energetic and efficient agents.

The Assistant National Savings Circle Officer, Madras, made special appeals to the military personnel to save and invest in National Savings Certificates. The other Assistant National Savings Circle Officers toured in their respective districts and supervised the working of the scheme in their respective areas.

The Defence Loans Commissioner and National Savings Circle Officer, toured in the districts of Kistna, Guntur, and Nellore.

MADRAS.—Madras City Defence Loans Sub-Committee met every fortnight and transacted routine work.

COIMBATORE.—The junior information officers of the respective taluks did wide propaganda regarding small savings. The total subscriptions received in this district from 23rd July 1945 to 1st September 1945 towards the 3 per cent second Victory Loan 1959–61 were Rs. 78,000. The total subscriptions received in this district from 21st July 1945 to 25th August 1945 towards National Savings Certificates were Rs. 62,030.

CUDDAPAH.—A target of 24 lakhs has been fixed for the district under the Defence Savings Campaign and all the canvassers have been instructed to secure proportionate collections every month to reach the target. The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars made every effort to make the Small Savings Scheme a success.

GODAVARI WEST.—An amount of Rs. 5,43,200 was collected in August 1945 towards 3 per cent Victory Loan and an amount of Rs. 25,715 was subscribed towards National Savings Certificates. A further amount of Rs. 1,365 was invested in other forms of loans.

KURNOOL.—Collections towards the various forms of defence savings amounted to Rs. 40,491 during August 1945.

MALABAR.—The Savings Campaign was continued.

NORTH ARCOT.—Savings Drive was continued as usual by the staff of the publicity unit and the Revenue officials.

TANJORE.—Savings committees were formed almost all over the district. The formation of savings groups was in progress.

TINNEVELLY.—The District Organizer, Field Publicity Organization, has arranged for a fortnightly savings drive meetings throughout the district in the place of the week end recruitment drive meetings. The first meeting was held on 15th September 1945 at Ambasamudram.

TRICHINOPOLY.—Wide propaganda was made by the staff of the Field Publicity Organization and the Tahsildars took keen interest in this branch of work.

Grow More Food

Madras Government's Survey of the Schemes

The total number of Grow More Food schemes sanctioned up to 31st March 1945 is 72 estimated to cost Rs. 89·43 lakhs. These schemes are intended to bring under cultivation an extent of 51,118 acres. Of the above, 63 schemes have been taken up for execution. The amount spent on the works is Rs. 45·6 lakhs. If the schemes since sanctioned by the Government are taken into consideration the total number of schemes sanctioned would be 74 costing Rs. 91·53 lakhs. The extent to be brought under cultivation would then be 53,186 acres.

Besides the above, an extent of 82,716 acres of land has been brought under irrigation up to the end of May 1945, under the scheme for the reclamation of commanded but unirrigated areas uner the Cauvery-Mettur Project. Of this, an extent of 60,157 acres represents the area reclaimed under the first target of development in the above area, which was originally fixed at 40,000 acres. The Chief Engineer has reported that the expenditure incurred on the works relating to this target up to 31st March 1945 is Rs. 1,36,734. The work relating to the first target is over and reclamation work relating to the second target of development is now in progress. The area fixed for this target is 15,000 acres and an extent of 2,559 acres has been reclaimed under this target up to 30th May 1945. It may also be mentioned that the Government have recently sanctioned a scheme for extending the Grand Anicut canal irrigation, to bring under cultivation 2,500 acres of lands south of the Narasinga-Cauvery in the Cauvery-Mettur Project area. The scheme will be taken up for execution shortly.

Free Distribution of Manure—Definition of poor and deserving ryots

Under Grow More Food Campaign the Government have sanctioned the continuance of the scheme for the free distribution of manures (including green manure seeds) to poor and deserving ryots up to Rs. 2,000 for each district. The present definition of poor and deserving ryots excludes many ryots in Penugonda taluk of Anantapur district though they pay an assessment of Rs. 5 only. On the recommendation of the Board of Revenue the Government have passed orders for modifying the definition of poor and deserving ryots in the case of Anantapur, Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool.

(i) Owner-cultivator who pays an annual assessment of Rs. 10 or less per annum.

(ii) Tenant-cultivator who pays a rental of Rs. 25 or less per annum.

TANJORE.—So far an extent of 9,614·63 acres of waste land has been reclaimed of which an extent of 1,598·78 acres has been brought under paddy cultivation in the new Delta of the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

Miscellaneous

Coimbatore Forest College

The Madras Government opened a Forost College at Coimbatore in the year 1912 for meeting the difficulty found in recruiting Forest Rangers of a suitable class in the Province. But as the expenditure on the College had been out of proportion to the receipts and to the benefits it conferred on the Province, it was ordered to be closed with effect from 1st July 1939.

At present, however, there is an acute shortage of trained Forest Subordinate staff owing to a long cessation of recruitment following retrenchments. Post-war development of forests in this Province involves a large addition to the present cadre of Rangers. Taking into consideration the retirements and promotion of existing Rangers to higher posts, etc., it is estimated that about 300 candidates will have to be trained for appointment as Rangers in the course of the next 10 years. The Madras candidates are now trained at the Indian Rangers' College at Dehra Dun. In view of the facts that most Provinces and States are expanding their Forest departments and that their demands for trained staff will be increasing considerably, it seems certain that the Dehra Dun College will not be able to train the 300 candidates required for this Province in the course of the next 10 years.

At a meeting held in December 1944 the Forestry Sub-Committee of the Provincial Post-war Reconstruction General Committee therefore recommended that the Madras Forest College should be reopened at once on a permanent basis. The Post-war Reconstruction General Sub-Committee supported the scheme. The scheme was included in the list of 'Special Priority Schemes' in the Five-year Plan of the Government for the Post-war Development of Forests in this Province.

The Government approved the proposals of the Chief Conservator of Forests for the reopening of the Madras Forest College at Coimbatore as a permanent measure with effect from 1st October 1945 and for its location in the old Forest College buildings. The course of instruction to be imparted in the College will last for two years. The Government also approve the proposal of the Chief Conservator of Forests for permission to select 35 candidates from among the serving Foresters for training in the first batch during the current year 1945–46 subject to the following conditions:—

(1) That the candidates during the period of training should be paid stipends only at their grade pay as Foresters.

(2) That after training they should be considered to be "Trained Foresters" and not 'Forest Apprentices'.

(3) That their appointment as Rangers after training should be regulated according to the provisions of rule 2 of the Special Rules for the Madras Forest Subordinate Service.

War Allowance to continue

The Government have directed that (1) the payment of war allowance to Government servants shall remain in force until further orders and (2) the payment of war allowance to officers of the Secretary of State's Services should also be continued pending further orders of the Government of India.

V.-J. Day celebration at Tadpatri (Anantapur district).

ACTIVITIES OF THE FIELD PUBLICITY ORGANIZATION

MADRAS.—In connection with the V.-J. Day celebrations the Maras District War Committee arranged for poor feeding at the following centres:—

	Name of the centre.	Number of people fed.
1.	Y.M.C.A., Central, Esplanade	550
2.	Y.M.C.A., Royapetta	1,500
3.	Madras Rational Society, Stanley Nagar..	1,400
4.	Kalyanamandapam, Singanna Chetti Street, Chintadripet (feeding arranged by Sri M. Subrahmania Mudaliar of Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, Limited).	850
5.	P. M. Fernandez, Choolai Medu, Nungambakkam ..	350
6.	Monegar Choultry, Washermanpet	300
7.	Chennapuri Annadana Samajam, Park Town ..	1,070
8.	Purasawalkam Annadana Samajam, Purasawalkam ..	600
9.	Corporation Poor House, Tondiarpet	250
10.	Triplicane Annadana Samajam, Triplicane	250
11.	Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Perambur	1,200
12.	Rajah Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar Choultry, Poonamallee High Road, P.T.	1,000
13.	Little Sisters of the Poor, Chetput	180
14.	Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Mylapore	500
15.	Jagannathapuram (Chetput) and Taylor's Road, (Kilpauk).	500
16.	Friend-in-need Society, Poonamallee High Road, P.T...	120
17.	The Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association, White Memorial Hall, Egmore.	1,000
	Total ..	11,620

Arrangements were made for the supply of rice and firewood to the various institutions feeding the poor through the City Rationing Officer and City Forewood Rationing Officer and excellent police arrangements also were made.

His Excellency the Governor of Madras accompanied by the Collector of Madras and President, Madras District War Committee, visited the following centrs while the feeding was going on—

(1) The Madras Rational Society, Stanley Nagar—

One thousand four hundred poor were fed in this centre. His Excellency the Governor and the Collector were received by Sri A. Ratnam, Honorary and General Secretary, who took them round the two batches, one in the park attached to the society's premises and the other in the compound of the Corporation Boys' school, Cochrane Basin Road. His Excellency inspected the kitchen and cooking place and appreciated the excellent arrangements made for the sumptuous feeding with eleven items of rich dishes, including payasam and butter-milk.

(2) Rajah Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar Chultry, Part Town—

Over a thousand poor were fed in this feeding centre. His Excellency the Governor was received by the trustee, Mr. S. V. Ramakrishna Mudaliar, who garlanded the distinguished visitors and took them round, through the several rows and eventually to the kitchen. After expressing satisfaction for the excellent arrangements made for feeding such a large number, His Excellency left amid applause.

(3) Y.M.C.A., Royapetta—

About 1,500 poor were fed in this centre. Arrangements were good.

(4) The Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association, Egmore—

About 1,000 poor Anglo-Indians were fed in this centre.

Her Excellency the Hon'ble Lady Hope accompanied by Sri S. Venkatesa Ayyangar visited the following centres and expressed her appreciation of the arrangements.

(1) Kalyanamandapam, Singanna Chetty Street, Chintadripet—

The feeding was arranged in this centre by Sri M. Subramania Mudaliar, Office Manager, Messrs. P. Orr & Sons, Limited and member of the District and Propaganda Sub-Committees for 850 poor. The arrangements were quick and excellent and the feeding was sumptuous, consisting of 7 items of dainty dishes including payasam. The Hon'ble Lady Hope and Sri S. Venkatesa Ayyangar were received and garlanded. Her Excellency expressed her appreciation of the feast-like feeding of the genuine poor of the locality. A photograph was also taken on the occasion of the visit.

(2) Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Perambur—

The feeding in this centre was arranged by Mr. K. O. Anthony, Welfare Superintendent of the Mills, for 1,200 poor of the Perambur area in the Mill Chatram. Rice was served on plantain leaves with 'sambar' and a vegetable curry. Her Excellency went round the cycle shed where the first batch of about 500 poor were being fed and inspected the kitchen and expressed her satisfaction of the arrangements.

(3) Little Sisters of the Poor, Chetput—

One hundred and eighty poor inmates were fed on the occasion. Her Excellency was received in the hall where food was kept ready for serving. Her Excellency distributed sweets and shook hands with some of them. The management were very grateful for the visit of the distinguished visitors on the occasion of the poor feeding.

Sir Norman Strathie, Chief Adviser to His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Dewan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai visited the following centre:—

(1) Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Mylapore,
(2) Chennapuri Annadana Samajam, P.T.
(3) Friend-in-need Society, P.T.,
(4) Purasawalkam Annadana Samajam and
(5) Taylor's Road, (Kilpauk) and Jagannadhapuram (Chetput).

At all these centres, the feeling of the poor was in progress and the Chief Adviser was very much pleased to see the enthusiasm displayed on the occasion both by the agents in charge of the feeding and by the poor who participated in the feeding. In all these centres meals were served on a layish scale with additional dishes, like vadai, payasam, laddu and fruits, which the poor rarely see in their daily life.

Mr. E. M. Gawne, Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Madras accompanied by Rao Sahib V. C. Sundararajan visited the following centres—

(1) Y.M.C.A. Central (Law College)—

This feeding was arranged by Mr. G. Solomon. The menu consisted of a curry, sambar, rasam and payasam. The arrangements were good.

(2) Monegar Choultry, Washermanpet—

The Adviser was received by Rao Bahadur M. G. Kini, Honorary Secretary and Dr. T. R. Ramanathan,

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Superintendent. About 300 poor were fed including 50 children. The menu consisted of usual items and butter-milk. The arrangements were good.

(3) Corporation Poor house—

Dr. Jackson, in charge of the feeding in this centre, received the distinguished visitor. About 200 people were seated at their meals. In addition to the usual items, badusha, a sweet was also served.

(4) Choolaimedu, Nungambakkam—

The feeding in this centre was arranged by Mr. P. M. Fernandez. About 200 poor were waiting to be served at the time of the visit. Music was aranged. Food was also supplied to the poor children of the Good Shepherd Convent from this feeding centre.

(5) The Triplicane Annadana Samajam, Tripilcane—

The feeding was scheduled for 250 poor. The menu consisted of the usual items with the addition of laddu and payasam. There was a group photo. The arrangements were good.

Their Excellencies and the Advisers to His Excellency the Governor expressed their great satisfaction at the excellent arrangments made at the above centres for feeding a vast number of poor people.

In the evenng of the same day the Madras District War Committee arranged for the distribution of sweets among the school children, in the city through the District Educational Officer, Madras, and through the Educational Officer, Corporation of Madras. The District Educational Officer was in charge of distribution of sweets to the selected aided elementary schools of nearly 10,000 school children covering about 120 aided boys' and girls' schools. Arrangements were made for the assemblage of the children at the schools at 4 p.m. with a programme of songs and games followed by a brief talk on the Allied Victory before midday meal centre by the Educational Officer, Corporation of Madras, who arranged for the distribution among 38,000 children of the Corporation schools in the city after a short programme of music, games and a brief talk on the Victory celebrations. Besides the Corporation schools, four Government Labour Day school children numbering about 380 were given sweets and savouries. The members of the Madras District War Committee visited some of these schools during the distribution of sweets.

In addition to the above, arrangements were made for the distribution of sweets in the National Girls' High school, Triplicane, for nearly 750 children, in the St. Thomas Convent, Mylapore and in some cheri schools in Kilpauk, Amjikarai, Choolaimedu and Purasawalkam areas.

Special prayers were offered in all the churches, temples and mosques in the city in commemoration of the glorious Allied Victory.

Rao Sahib V. C. Sundararaju, Secretary of the Propaganda Sub-Committee arranged a public meeting at the National Girls' school, Triplicane, on 10th August 1945 with Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Provincial Organizer, Field Publicity Organization in the chair. Lady Strathie addressed the gathering on "Women's War Effort in England."

Members of the Field Publicity staff left no stone unturned in making the V-J celebrations a grand success by their arduous work night and day.

COIMBATORE.—The District Organiser Mr. R. T. Naidu, B.A., B.L., toured for 6 days visiting 4 places in two taluks. He was present during the opening function of the Hope Cultural Centre at Irugur, the Victory Park at Singanallur and for the periodical conference held on the 28th and on the 11th at Collector's office.

The Junior Information officers were appointed for 9 out of the 10 taluks and they were on duty during the month doing propaganda regarding savings, Grow More Food and vegetables, Post-War Reconstruction, anti-hoarding and profiteering, etc. They in all addressed 70 meetings and checked the reading circles in their jurisdictions.

The ballad master Mr. N. E. Balaguru toured for 25 days visiting 22 places and taught songs to the boys and girls of the local school.

CUDDAPAH.—War pictures, literature and propaganda material received were distributed to all the village officers and reading circles in the district. The work of the reading circles was supervised by the touring officers of the Revenue, Agriculture and Field Publitiey Organization Departments from time to time. The officers and touring subordinates of the Agricultural Department did propaganda under "Grow More Food Campaign" explaining to the ryots the several concessions granted under the scheme and for the grant of loans.

In connexion with the Victory celebrations, a musical entertainment was performed on 19th instant and a drama was enacted on 20th instant in the local theatre at Cuddapah.

KANARA SOUTH.—The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Cannanore, the extra Assistant Recruiting Officer of Mangalore and the officers of the Field Publicity Organization toured the district during the month as usual. The members of the District War Committee and its Sub-Committees and the officers of the other departments actively co-operated with the Revenue Officers in celebrating the cessation of hostilities with Japan. The D.S.S.A.B. and its sub-committees were working satisfactorily.

WEST GODAVARI.—Propaganda was progressing satisfactority through the Divisional War Committees. Intensive propaganda was carried on for Savings Campaign. The propaganda material received from time to time was distributed to the local libraries and the Tahsildars for wide publicity.

KURNOOL.—The reports of the tahsildars and deputy tahsildars showed that several meetings were held for war efforts. Many reading circle centres were visited by them.

Special feature in this month was the celebration of "V-J day" on a grand scale from 16th to 20th of August 1945 throughout the district. 20th August 1945 was a memorable day. Poor feeding, distribution of sweets to children, processions with music and public meetings were conducted all over the district. All the public buildings and many private buildings were illuminated that night.

In Kurnool town a big procession with their Majesties' photos in a coach started on 20th August 1945 at 5-30 p.m. from the Peoples' Park, passed along the main bazaar road and terminated at the Police parade ground; the sweets were distributed to school children. Then at 7-30 p.m. a public meeting was held presided over by Rao Sahib M. R. Bangara, B.A., Collector and District Magistrate, Kurnool.

MALABAR.—The District Organizer, Field Publicity Organization, toured 2 taluks and was on tour for 4 days. The District Organizer, designate was on leave and the Regional Organizer was in additional charge. The Junior Information officers of this district addressed 58 meetings, inspected 95 Reading circles and gave 94 talks. They also assisted the Rationing authorities in the test checking of ration cards in the district and assisted the officials of Revenue, Education and Agricultural Departments in publicity matters.

NELLORE.—The District Organizer toured for 11 days and visited 14 villages. He inspected the Village Reading Circles, and Hope Cultural Centres. He also held meetings and explained about the Field Publicity Organization.

The 13 Junior Information officers appointed under the new organization did propaganda in their taluks on the following subjects:—

(1) Savings and National thrift, (2) Security Education, (3) Post-War Reconstruction and Developments, (4) Civil Supplies and Controls, and (5) Anti-hoarding and profiteering.

The singer under the new organization accompanied the District Organizer and carried on propaganda in the villages visited.

MADRAS GOVERNOR'S CONGRATULATIONS TO LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN AND MACARTHUR

The following telegrams have been exchanged between His Excellency the Governor and Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Commander, South East Asia Command, and His Excellency the Governor and General MacArthur, Allied Supreme Commander, on the occasion of the termination of the war against Japan:

Telegram from His Excellency the Governor to Lord Louis Mountbatten :—

"On behalf of the people of the Madras Presidency I send our heartfelt gratitude a d warmest congratulations on the defeat of Japan and the termination of the war."

Telegram from Lord Louis Mountbatten to His Excellency the Governor :—

"Thank you so much for your message of congratulations which is very much appreciated."

Telegram from His Excellency the Governor to General MacArthur :—

"On behalf of the people of the Madras Presidency I send you our heartiest and most sincere congratulations on the surrender of Japan and the termination of the war."

Telegram from General MacArthur to His Excellency the Governor :—

"Thanks and deepest appreciation."

The tahsildars, deputy tahsildars and the Revenue inspectors carried on propaganda work during the tours in the villages. Propaganda work was carried on by the officers of the other departments also, i.e., Agriculture, Co-operative, Educational, Health and Commercial Tax Departments.

THE NILGIRIS.—Mr. M. Halayya, District Organizer, toured for 16 days and addressed 14 public meetings. He checked 6 reading circles apart from visiting a number of families of soldiers. The District Organizer also arranged for the celebration of the V-J day. Among them the three Junior Information officers visited 70 villages and addressed 70 public meetings. They visited 9 reading circles during the course of the month.

The Ballad master visited many villages and taught songs. The gramaphone records sent by the Director of Publicity were distributed to important hotels, theatres, restaurants and other public places.

The Victory celebration was the most important event of the month. The Revenue Department, the Municipality, and 'the Field Publicity Organization and other public spirited gentlemen joined together to make the celebration a grand success. About a mile-long procession of school children marched to the Gymkhana pavilion to the accompaniment of band. Sweets, kindly presented by Mr. R. L. B. Gall were distributed to school children by Mrs. R. L. B. Gall. As many as 16 sports items were decided and prizes were distributed by Mrs. Fraser, wife of the Collector. About 5,000 poor people were fed by Rao Bahadur N. Chinoo Pillai. In the evening a procession of decorated cars, mounted horses, jutkas, St. Johns' Ambulance Corps, the nursing corps and the Madras Fire Service marched from the Government gardens to the Gymkhana pavilion to the accompaniment of band, nathaswaram and Kota music. At the pavilion a public meeting was held. Mr. I. M. Fraser, I.C.S., Collector presided. Sir Vere Mockett, former Judge of the Madras High Court spoke in English. Mr. M. Halayya spoke in Tamil. Meer Mohammad Yahiya Sahib spoke in Urdu. With a vote of thanks by Rao Sahib Masilamani Nadar the meeting terminated. A huge crowd of more than 10,000 people watched the day's function. All the shops in the town and the streets were richly decorated with greens, flags and festoons. In the night the whole town was ablaze with illumination. Similar functions were held at Coonoor, Gudalur, Kotagiri and many other villages.

NORTH ARCOT.—A meeting of the District War Committee was held on 4th August 1945 at the Collector's office under the presidency of Khan Bahadur S. Ahmed Ali Sahib Bahadur C.I.E., Collector and president of the committee. Mr. S. M. Kamaluddin, District Organizer read the review of the propaganda sub-committee while the reports of the finance and recruitment sub-committees were read by the Treasury Deputy Collector and the chairman, recruitment sub-committee. Then Mrs. Nathanial was co-opted as the lady member of the District War Committee.

The news of the end of the war in the East was received by the public with great enthusiasm. Processions, parades, special prayers, poor feeding, meetings, distribution of sweets to children, illuminations, fireworks and flying of flags marked the happy celebration in the towns and the villages of the district. On 20th August 1945 a huge procession started from the Victory House followed by the propaganda van, and decorated buses went through the long bazaar, and reached the barracks maidan where a public meeting was held under the presidency of the Collector. A record gathering of about 10,000 people gathered at the maidan to celebrate this great triumph of the Allies. After the meeting the gathering enjoyed the fireworks specially arranged for the occasion. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Vellore, and the District Organizer were in charge of the arrangements.

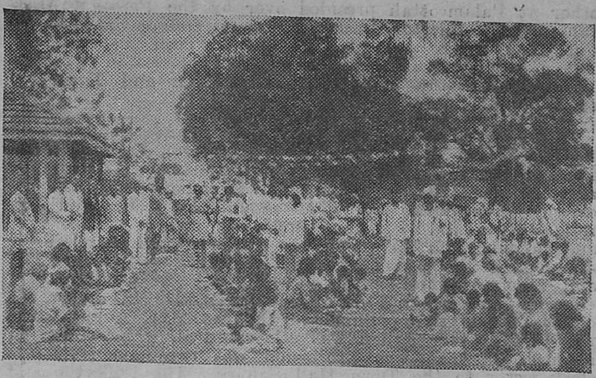
The main campaign that was attended to by the staff of the publicity unit was the Savings Campaign. A number of metings were addressed on this subject by the District Organizer and the Junior Information officers. The Regional organizer, central range who paid a visit to Vellore addressed a public meeting at Kannivambadi under the presidentship of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vellore. Besides the staff attended to other campaigns such as Grow More Food, Controls, Post-war reconstruction schemes relating to Education, Health and communications.

SALEM.—The District Organizer Sri R. Balakrishna Mudaliar, B.A., L.T., was on tour for 17 days and visited 15 villages. He addressed 17 public meetings. He also contacted many officials and non-officials in his tours. The District Organizer delivered three lectures at the Village Officers' Training school, Namakkal.

The Junior Information officers of this district visited 281 villages. They visited 115 reading circles and addressed 213 public meetings.

The singer was on tour for 13 days. He visited 14 villages and taught war songs in 11 schools.

TANJORE.—The public received the news of Jap surrender with great rejoicings. The V-J. day was celebrated in the third week of August 1945 with great eclat throughout the district and elaborate arrangements were made for poor feeding, distribution of sweets to children and other similar items.



V.-J. Day Celebration at Tadpatri (Anantapur district).—Poor feeding.

The District Organizer during his tours had many informal talks with the public and members of some associations and recreation clubs regarding Rural Reconstruction, control orders, etc.

Eleven Junior Information officers joined duty in the 1st week of this month and carired on the propaganda work with enthusiasm. Their close contact with the villagers in hearing their grievances and representing them to the concerned authorities deserve special mention. They all co-operated with the Revenue Department in celebrating V-J day celebration.

The singer visited schools in this district and taught songs in connection with Rural Reconstruction.

The V-J. day celebrations were celebrated at Tanjore in a very grand scale. The District Magistrate took the salute at the Victory parade ground. The school children went in procession and they were given sweets. Poor people were fed in many places in the town. The District Organizer after attending the parade, visited the poor feeding centres. Victory tea was arranged at Tower talkies followed by variety entertainment.

At 7 p.m. a public meeting was held under the presidency of the District Magistrate. Sri Ganesa Aiyar, retired District Judge, Sri M. Ananthanarayanan I.C.S., District Judge, Sri T. D. Mahalingam, Public Prosecutor and Miss Glory Moses, B.A. (Ex-lady lecturer of National War Front) were the speakers on that day. There were many items of interest in the programme of variety entertainment in which the Local Girls' High School participated and enacted Red Cross drama and victory dance. The members of Sri Sudarsana Sabha staged "The Merchant of Venice" for the benefit of the public. The District Organizer proposed vote of thanks.

Rao Sahib S. Swayamprakasam, B.A., B.L., addressed seven meetings and the Junior Information officers held 96 meetings.

TINNEVELLY.—The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars carried on propaganda in villages during their tours. The officers of Agricultural and Co-operative departments did similar propaganda.

The singer toured for 20 days in the month, visited 17 schools and checked 16 reading circles.

The following campaigns were carried on by Junior Information Officers—(1) Savings and National Thrift, (2) Post-war Reconstruction and Development, (3) Anti-Hoarding and Profiteering, (4) Price bonds, (5) Down with black markets, (6) Grow More Food, and (7) Grow More Vegetables.

The Junior Information Officers were instructed to render all possible assistance to other departments in giving publicity.

The most outstanding event in the month was the celebration of Victory over Japan. 19th August 1945 was the Thanksgiving day throughout the district. Thanksgiving services in all churches, special prayers in mosques and special pujas in temples were held throughout the district on that day. There was synchronised ringing of bells in all churches. Poor feeding was done on large scale both on the 19th and 20th. About 50,000 people were fed throughout the district.

20th August 1945 was a gala day for the people of the district. Public meetings and procession of school children were held in all Taluk centres and in important villages. Sweets were distributed to children. Clothes were distributed free to the deserving poor. Sports were held for children and prizes were distributed.

There was a grand route march of the Reserve Police, Scouts and Rovers, Borstal school boys and school students from Palamcottah to Tinnevelly. The streets and thoroughfares were neatly decorated by the rejoicing public. Officers of all departments took part in the route march.

In the evening there were two public meetings one at Tinnevelly town presided over by the Collector and the

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other at Palamcottah presided over by the Personal Assistant to the Collector, Janab K. Abdul Gafoor Sahib Bahadur. There was unusual gathering at both the meetings. The meetings were held after a grand procession of school children and the public in Palamcottah and Tinnevelly towns.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The most important and notable feature of the month was the Victory over Japan celebrations at the district and taluk headquarters. Immediately after hearing the unconditional surrender of Japan, the district propaganda van went around the town and Srirangam area and visited all important streets and corners, and announced to the public the unconditional surrender of Japan and the people received the news with much joy and relief. Special prayers were held in all temples, churches and mosques on 19th August 1945 in observance of the Thanksgiving Sunday. On the 20th August 1945 the Victory over Japan was celebrated in a most fitting manner. A mammoth procession was arranged from the clock tower to the Town Hall Square. The Collector and other officials and non-officials started in a grand procession with a magnificiently decorated car carrying the portraits of Their Majesties the King and Queen headed by elephants, Nathaswaram, Band and hopping horses. Along the main bazaar street through which the mammoth procession passed, houses and shops on both sides of the route were decorated and illuminated in a lavish manner. The procession culminated in a mammoth meeting at the Town Hall Square. The splendour and magnificence of this procession and the public meeting bet even the previous celebrations of Victory in Europe Day celebrations. Most of the public and private buildings were tastefully decorated with flags and festoons. The flags of the Allied Nations were hoisted on most of the buildings of the Railway, Military and Government. All hotels, shops and clubs were decorated in full. In short the whole town presented a festive appearance with festoons and arches. Special Victory slogans were put up all over the town. The beautiful rock at the centre of the City illuminated by electric lights presented a grand and impressive appearance. The big electrified 'V' mark in the centre put up at the top of the rock flashed forth even to the distant villages. The Trichinopoly Railway Junction and connected railway offices and the Gandhi market and permanent arches were illuminated and decorated. The public meeting was presided over by the Collector. Messrs. V. Subramania Nadar, B.A., B.L., Additional Subordinate Judge, Trichinopoly, Khan Bahadur S. S. A. Kareem Suhrawardy and Rao Bahadur N. Ramaswami Ayyar, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Trichinopoly, gave victory addresses in Tamil, Urdu and English which were highly impressive. The public meeting was largely attended both by civil and military officials. The District Judge and the Administrative Commandant attended the public meeting. With the concluding remarks of the Collector the meeting came to a successful close. It was followed by a display of fireworks at the Town Hall Square. The poor were fed in many parts of the City in commemoration of the V-J. Day celebrations. The Field Publicity Organization co-operated in full and assisted effectively in organizing the poor feeding at the various centres, the public meeting and procession.

The District Organizer, Rao Sahib M. Kailai Anandar, B.A., B.L., toured for 13 days in the month in Trichinopoly and Lalgudi taluks in connection with the publicity and village guards. The Junior Information Officers in all visited 124 villages and did publicity work, besides visiting 59 reading circles. They addressed 62 propaganda meetings during the month under report. Sri S. R. Rajamani, Rural Recreation Organizer, visited 10 villages in Ariyalur and Lalgudi taluks.

Karur division.—War propaganda meetings were held as usual in the villages of Karur division during the month, 18 in Karur taluk, 12 in Kulittalai taluk and 6 in Manapparai taluk. Twelve propaganda meetings were held in Musiri taluk and 9 in Turaiyur sub-taluk. The officers of the Educational, Agricultural and Registration departments also did good propaganda work during the month.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The striking feature of the month was the celebration of the 'V-J.' Day, the day for which the officials and the non-officials alike were waiting. A varied programme including poor feeding on two days was gone through in Vizagapatam town. The 'V-J.' day was celebrated on similar lines with equal enthusiasm throughout the district.

In all the Revenue divisions all the Revenue Divisional Officers and Taluk Officers and all the Revenue Inspectors continued to conduct usual propaganda meetings during their tours and explained to the villagers the advantage of growing more food, the need to save money under the several savings schemes. A number of war films were also screened in many centres and they were much appreciated by the public.

VIZAGAPATAM SOUTH.—The District Organizer toured for 22 days visiting Ichapur, Tekkali, Chicacole and Bobbili. He addressed 20 meetings, inspected 11 reading circles and visited 12 schools. The seven Junior Information Officers in all, addressed 129 meetings and inspected 89 reading circles. The singer visited schools and taught songs. V-J. Day celebrations were done on a grand scale throughout the district.

VIZAGAPATAM NORTH.—The District Organizer toured for 25 days, addressed 10 meetings and inspected three reading circles. The Junior Information Officers, in all, addressed 73 meetings and inspected about 24 reading circles. The ballad master toured for 27 days, visited 22 villages and 10 schools.

The V-J. Day was celebrated throughout the district. Great joy prevailed among the people.

The Propaganda Vans

MSC. 6983 '*Alamein*' (*Vizagapatam*).—The van toured for 13 days during the month and covered a total distance of 308 miles. It visited 14 villages giving 5 film shows, 5 magic lantern shows and 14 radio recitals. It was also used in connection with the Victory Celebrations at Parvatipur.

MDM. 651 '*Kohima*' (*Ramnad*).—The van toured for 20 days in the month, covering a total distance of 710 miles. It visited 21 villages giving 11 film shows, 11 magic lantern shows and 16 radio recitals. The van was also used in anouncing the celebrations of the V-J. Day at Ramnad, Thirupullam, Paramakudi, Mudukulathur, Kamuthi and Abiramam. The van turned out very useful work in the celebration of the V.J. Day.

MSC. 7537 (*Nilgiris*).—The van toured for 14 days and visited 15 places covering a total distance of 367 miles. It gave 15 radio recitals. It was also used in announcing the Victory over the Japs and in the work done by the Red Cross.

Photo of the procession on the V-J. Day Celebrations at Alur on 20th August 1945.

MSC. 7468 '*Matapan*' (*Salem*).—The van toured only for five days covering a total distance of 66 miles and visiting 4 villages. It gave 4 film shows and 4 radio and gramaphone recitals.

MSC. 7161 '*Stalingrad*' (*Chittoor*).—The van travelled 453 miles and toured for 24 days. It visited 19 villages, giving 18 film shows and 17 magic lantern shows and 43 radio recitals. The van was also used for the Adi-Krithigai festival at Tiruttani, for the health shows and for the celebrations connected with the Victory over Japan day.

MSC. 3438 '*Tunisia*' (*Chingleput*).—The van toured for 20 days covering a total distance of 460 miles. It visited 6 places giving 12 cinema shows and 17 radio recitals. It was also used in connection with the announcement of V.J. Day celebration and for giving film shows at the Military Camp, Gummidipundi.

6946 '*Guadaloanar*' (*North Arcot*).—The van travelled for 24 days and covered a total distance of 452 miles. It visited 34 villages giving 18 film shows, 12 magic lantern shows and 8 radio recitals. The van was used to lead the procession arranged in connection with the receptions to ex-prisoners of war on 10th August 1945 and at the Victory celebration on 20th August 1945. It was also in attendance at the inauguration of compulsory education at Arcot on 12th August 1945 and for announcing to the public the introduction of the scheme.

MSC. 7759 '*Imphal*' (*Coimbatore*).—The van toured for 22 days covering a total distance of 414 miles. It visited 19 villages during the month giving 18 film shows and 21 radio recitals. The van was used by the Indian Women Civic Corps. It was used for announcing the news of Victory throughout the city and also for V.J. Day celebrations at Indian Troops Canteen.

MSC. 7711 (*Malabar*).—The van did not tour in the month of August owing to the bad condition of the tyres except for a day in connection with the V.J. Day celebration.

MSC. 7704 (*Anantapur*).—The van visited 19 villages for a tour of 21 days. It travelled 274 miles, giving 12 film shows, 8 magic lantern shows and 20 radio recitals. It was also used for a procession in aid of the V.J. Day celebrations.

MSC. 7629 (*Guntur*) '*Naples*'.—The van toured for 11 days covering a total distance of 146 miles. It visited 8 villages giving 5 magic lantern shows. It was also used for local announcement during the Victory celebration.

MSC. 7638 (*West Godavari*).—The van did not tour during the month for want of new tyres.

MSC. 7162 '*Teheran*' (*South Kanara*).—The van toured for 8 days covering a total distance of 180 miles.

MSC. 6947 (*Cuddapah*).—The van was used for announcing the poor feeding on V.J. Day.

MSC. 7760 (*Kurnool*).—The van toured for 20 days covering a total distance 260 miles. It visited 18 places giving 15 film shows and 14 radio recitals.

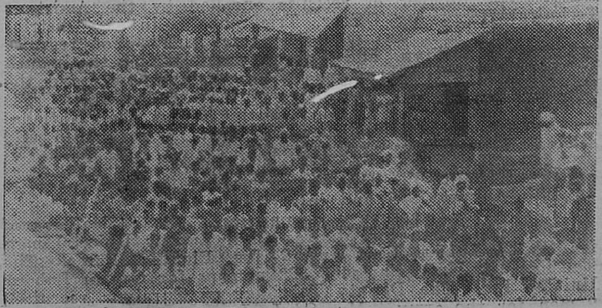
MSC. 7677 (*Tanjore*) *South Arcot*.—The van toured in the South Arcot district for 22 days covering a total distance of 582 miles giving 20 film shows, 6 magic lantern shows. It was also used in connection with the V.J. Day celebration.

MSC. 7713 (*East Godavari*).—The van toured for 15 days covering a total distance of 129 miles and giving 10 film shows and 11 radio recitals. It was also used by the Red Cross Committee and in connection with the Victory celebration.

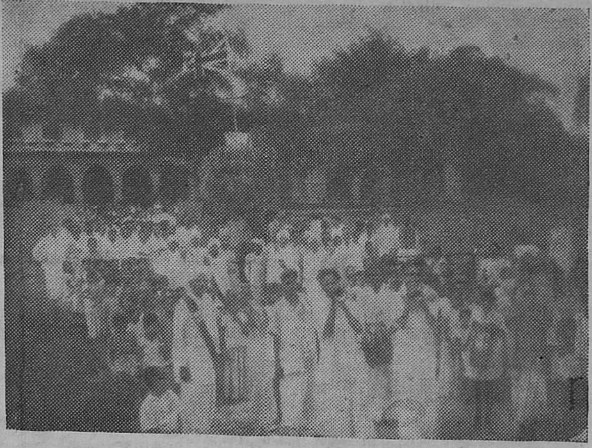
MSC. 6985 '*Malta*' (*Kistna*).—The van toured for 11 days visiting 16 places covering a total distance of 324 miles. It was used for announcement in connection with V.J. Day celebration. It gave 6 film shows and 5 radio recitals.

MSC. 6984 (*Nellore*).—The van did not tour due to repairs.

MDU. 28 '*Keren*' (*Madura*).—The van toured for 25 days, visiting 20 villages and giving 11 film shows and 13 radio recitals.



Procession with His Majesty's Photo led by the public of Yemmiganur on the V.-J. Day.



V.-J. Day at Madakasira—photo of the procession as it started from the Taluk Office.

MSC. 671 (*Trichinopoly*).—The van toured for 18 days visiting 14 places and covering a total distance of 463 miles.

MSC. 7160 '*Casblanca*' (*Tinnevelly*).—The van toured for 19 days covering a total distance of 348 miles. It visited 42 villages giving 18 magic lantern shows, 16 film shows and 57 radio recitals. The van was also used to broadcast the Road Traffic Rules at Vikramasingapuram, Harvey Mill zone as per the special requisition of the District Superintendent of Police.

MSC. 7665 (*Bellary*).—The van toured for 17 days and covered a total distance of 398 miles. It visited 19 places giving 16 film and magic lantern shows; 12 radio recitals.

MSC. 7536 (*Madras City Van*).—The van was mostly used in connection with the reception to the 14th Army personnel and the prisoners of war. It was also used in connection with V.J. celebration in the City.

MSC. 736 *Morris Van* (*Madras City*).—The van was mostly used for announcement in connection with the V.J. Day celebration. It was also used for the purposes mentioned against the other City van.

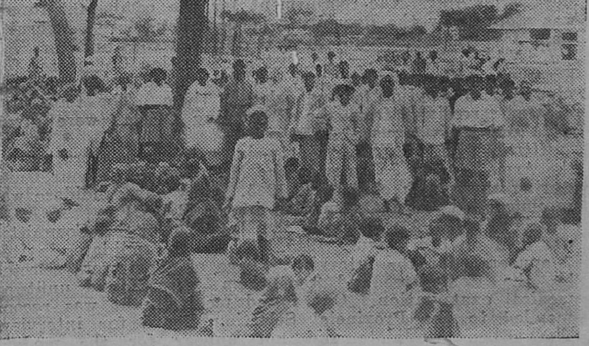
MSC. 6104 (*Military van*).—The van was engaged in giving film shows to troops in and around the City and also for entertaining the 14th Army personnel whenever asked to do so by the Army Welfare Officer at the rest and transit camps. It was also used in connexion with the reception to the prisoners of war.

Development of Glass Industry in Madras

The Government have passed orders for the creation of a temporary post of Glass Technologist on a salary of Rs. 420—700 per mensem for a period of two years from the date of appointment and to the employment of the following staff for the Glass Technologist for a period of two years:—

One lower division clerk.
Two peons.

The Glass Technologist will have his headquarters at Madras. The Glass Technologist will conduct a rapid survey of the raw materials for the development of the glass industry in the Province and explore the possibilities of manufacturing glass. He will tender advice on the location of the industry to intending promoters and will persuade the industry to introduce improved methods of manufacture. He will also prepare and submit for the consideration of the Government a detailed scheme for the construction and equipment of an up-to-date Glass Factory to be run under Government control only provided that private enterprise does not take sufficient initiative to introduce improved methods in the industry. He will render technical assistance to all the glass factories in the Province.



Poor feeding by Sri M. Gangappa at the Taluk Office compound, Yemmiganur, on the eve of V.-J. Day.

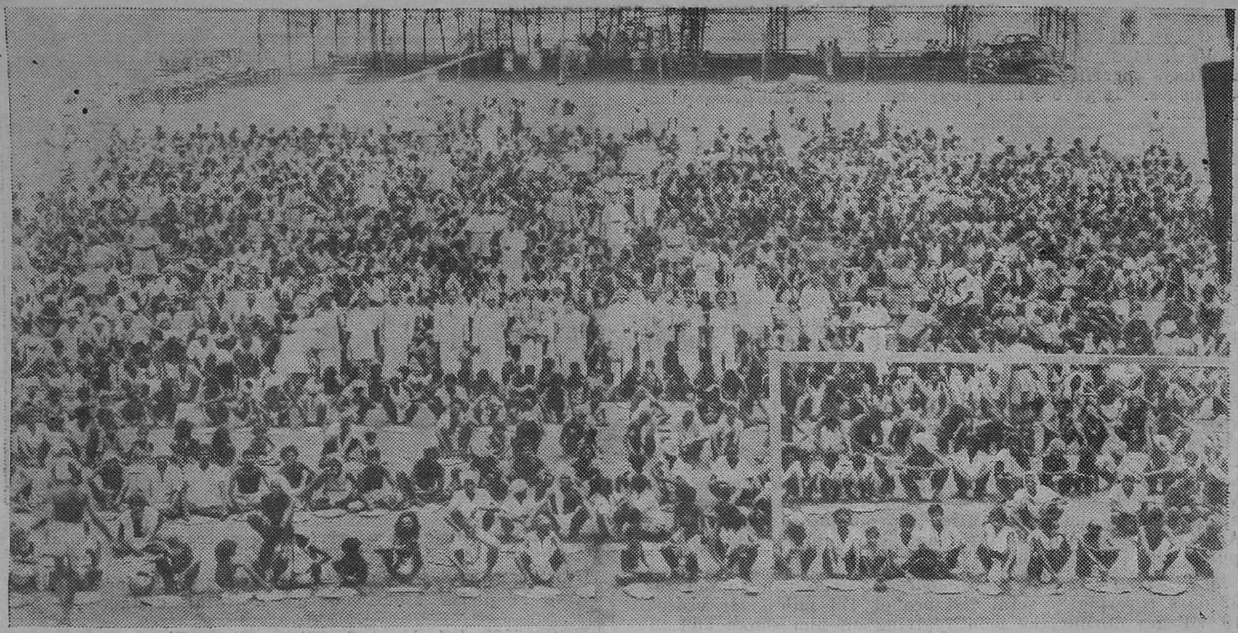


Photo taken at the V.R. College grounds showing the feeding of the poor by Rao Sahib A. Venkatarama Reddi on **17th August 1945.**
(V.-J. Day Celebrations—Nellore.)

War Committees and Depots

TINNEVELLY.—The District War Committee met on Monday, the 6th August 1945 in the Collector's Bungalow, Tinnevelly, under the presidency of Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao, M.A., B.L., Collector and President, District War Committee, Tinnevelly.

The President read for the information of the committee the names of officials and non-officials who were selected for the award of certificate for recruitment work for the quarter ending 30th June 1945 and announced that Koilpatti taluk was the winner of Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao Rotating Recruitment Shield and trophy for the quarter ending 30th June 1945.

He presented (1) the Recruiting Officers Sanad to Dr. T. K. Velayudhan, Civil Assistant Surgeon, Tenkasi. (2) Rotating silver cup to the Tahsildar, Tinnevelly, for collecting the largest sum in June 1945 under the savings campaigns. (3) Gold medal offered by Sri Rao Sahib Aaron Devadason to Sri K. S. Kunchithapatham, Honorary Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Tinnevelly, for the best recruitment work on the technical side of the Army during the quarter ending 30th June 1945. (4) The rotating cup offered by Sri P. O. Koshi Muthalaly to the Revenue Inspector, Nanguneri firka for the largest collection made under the Small Savings Scheme during the quarter ending 31st March 1945. (5) Gold medal to Sri M. Arumugam Pillai, Deputy Tahsildar, Tuticorin, and Sri A. Sivasubramanian Pillai, Revenue Inspector, Sermadevi, and silver medals to 16 Village Officers (two from each taluk) for good collection made during the National Savings Fortnight from 1st December 1944 to 15th December 1945.

The following resolution was passed: "This Committee places on record its warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered in the field of recruitment by Captain Rickets, Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, during the period of his office in this district." The War Committee were working satisfactorily.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Working Committee of the District War Committee met on 1st August 1945 and transacted business. The propaganda sub-committee also met on 1st August 1945.

Recruitment Activities

The Madras Provincial Recruitment Sub-Committee

The District Recruitment Sub-Committees took keen interest as usual in furtherance of recruitment.

Twenty-six candidates were interviewed during August 1945 of whom 11 were recommended for interview by the Services Selection Board, Bangalore.

H.E. Sir Arthur Hope Essay Competition on Recruitment.—At the meeting of the National War Front held on 1st September 1945 at the Banqueting Hall, Government House, Madras, His Excellency presented the prizes to the winners of the above essay competition.

COIMBATORE.—Sixty-four recruits were recruited during the month under review. The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers and other Recruiting officials toured in the district as usual for recruitment work. The Revenue officials rendered proper assistance in recruitment.

CUDDAPAH.—The Revenue subordinates made sincere efforts to secure a large number of recruits for Military. Consequent on the surrender of Japan and the glorious success of Allies, the recruitment for the combatant forces was stopped by the Recruiting Officer, Bangalore. Recruitment for non-combatants in R.I.A.F. was continued.

KANARA, SOUTH.—The District Selection Committee for Emergency Commissions met on 30th August 1945 interviewed two candidates and selected them. The tour programmes received from the Recruiting Officers were given wide publicity as usual.

GODAVARI, WEST.—Thirty-six men were recruited to the Armed forces, 199 men to the Madras Civil Labour Units during the month of August 1945. Only one candidate was recommended for a Commission in the R.I A.F.

MALABAR.—A meeting of the Recruitment Sub-Committee was held on 3rd August 1945. Of the 9 candidates invited 7 appeared for the interview. Five of them were selected by the Committee and 3 of them were found unfit on medical examination. One found medically fit was recommended to the Provincial Selection Board for interview. The other candidate did not appear for the medical examination.

The Technical Selection Committee met on 3rd August 1945. Two candidates interviewed were selected. They were unwilling to proceed to Government Trade School at Mangalore. One of them was sent to the Deputy Technical Recruiting Officer, Coimbatore, for posting but could not be posted for want of vacancy.

The total number of men recruited from the district for July 1945 was 513.

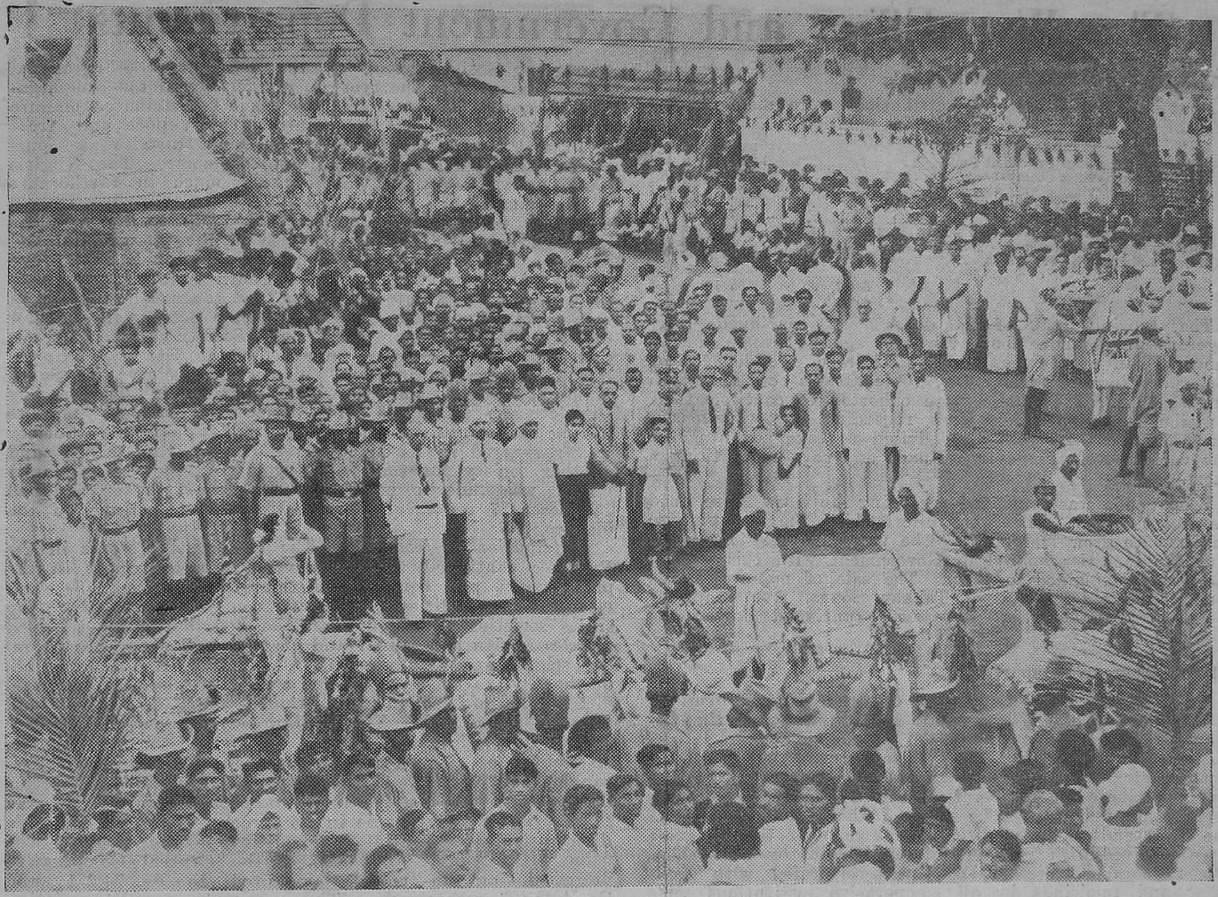
NORTH ARCOT.—An ordinary meeting of the Recruitment Shb-Committee was held on 1st August 1945. The Committee discussed ways and means to stimulate recruitment in this district. The District Organizer, Field Publicity Organization, explained to the members of the Committee, the need to carry on intensive security education, both among the public and the service men on leave.

TANJORE.—The District Recruitment Sub-Committee, and the District Selection Committee under the Technical Training Scheme, each, met once during the month for selection of candidates.

TINNEVELLY.—One candidate for Emergency Commission was interviewed by the Recruitment Sub-Committee on 24th August 1945 and recommended for the Royal Indian Navy. The number of recruits enrolled by the Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Trichinopoly, in this district during July 1945 was 66. The total number of recruits sent to the Military and Labour units during the month by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, and the Emergency Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, was 95. The District Selection Committee of the National Service Labour tribunal met on 25th August 1945 and selected 2 candidates in the month.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee met on 10th August 1945 and interviewed and recommended 4 candidates for emergency commission. The Tahsildar of Karur sent 7 men for Madras Civil Labour Unit, 9 men for Ceylon Labour Unit and 2 for Pioneer Force. The Tahsildar of Kulittalai sent 322 persons for Ceylon Labour Unit so far. The Deputy Tahsildar of Turaiyur recruited 2 men for the army. Mr. S. J. James, a member of the District War Committee, recruited 9 men for the Army.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The recruitment to the Army, Navy and Air Force was continued during this month.



A view of the V.-J. Day Celebrations Procession taken at the Junction of Narukur Road and Trunk Road on 17th August 1945.
(V.-J. Day Celebrations—Nellore.)

Soldiers' Welfare Work

MADRAS.—Special arrangements for reception were made at various arrival points involving a good deal of concentrated work to the leave details of the 14th Army and Prisoners' of War. About 9,000 troops were entertained with film shows at several of the rest camps scattered round about the city and the suburbs during the month. The Mobile Cinema Van was taken almost every day to one or other of the Military camps in this connection.

COIMBATORE.—Her Excellency the Hon. Lady Hope visited Indian Troops Canteen and she was received by the District Organizer Mr. R. T. Naidu. Indian troops were entertained at the canteen on V-J Day by the Hardware Merchants Association on 20th August 1945. Poor feeding was conducted on a large scale in several parts of this district in connection with V-J Day. A special conference of the Heads of all Departments was convened by Mr. Muir, O.B.E., I.C.S., to enable the Field Publicity Organization to do propaganda as their publicity agents. The Hope Cultural Centre at Irugur and the Victory Park at Singanallur were declared open to the public by Mr. Muir, O.B.E., I.C.S.

MALABAR.—Complaints and other petitions received from the several units and the families of serving men were dealt with promptly by the Revenue and Police Subordinates and the District Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board, Calicut.

NORTH ARCOT.—The welfare workers visited a number of villages in connection with cases entrusted with them for enquiries and turned out good work during the month. To contact military families and to look after their welfare, the Secretary, District Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board, North Arcot district, visited Katpadi, Arcot, Kavanoor, Timiri, Kannamangalam, Arni and Polur. A grand reception to the ex-prisoners of war was arranged on 10th August 1945 at the Victory House, Vellore, under the presidency of Khan Bahadur S. Ahmed Ali Sahib Bahadur, C.I.E., Collector. The ex-prisoners were garlanded and taken in procession in buses with band playing. The Collector welcomed the ex-prisoners and paid a warm tribute to their steadfastness, courage and endurance. After the meeting they were entertained with music, magic and dance. In the night they were treated to a nice dinner at which the Collector and the other District Officials were present.

Capt. M. M. Ayappa, Assistant Civil Liaison Officer, Madras, Western Area, paid a visit to the office of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board, North Arcot district.

SALEM.—The Taluk Welfare Committees and the Taluk Soldiers' Board were working satisfactorily.

TANJORE.—The Taluk Soldiers' Committees which met during the month interested themselves in the disposal of petitions from soldiers' families.

TRICHINOPOLY.—A family gathering of soldiers, sailors and airmen who are in active service in the present war was held in Kulittalai taluk on 24th August 1945 and the Secretary, District Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board, Trichinopoly, attended the meeting. Similar meeting was held in Lalgudi on 10th August 1945.

Educational Concessions to Emergency Commissioned Officers

The Government have decided that Emergency Commissioned Officers employed in connexion with the present war, whose college studies suffered interruption on their enrolment, be granted the educational concessions set out in G.O. No. 610, Education, dated 20th April 1945, in cases in which they wish to complete their college studies after demobilisation. The concessions will be available in colleges maintained by Government and local bodies and also in colleges under private management. The conditions of the award specified in the Government Order mentioned above will apply *mutatis mutandis* in these cases.

The Universities of the Province are invited to extend to the Emergency Commissioned Officers in question the educational concessions which they provide for children and dependants of 'soldiers.'

Education and Entertainment

MADRAS.—The Publicity materials received from the Director from time to time were distributed. The posters received were displayed at the Victory House and at various places through Advertising Agents.

COIMBATORE.—Propaganda by magic lantern, war slides and savings slides was continued in the various theatres throughout the district. The following posters and leaflets were distributed during the month: (1) Middle East War Review Nos. 171 to 174. (2) Behind the head lines—238, 239, 240 and 241. (3) Madras War Review Nos. 39, 40, 41 and 42. (4) Indias part in Western Victory—Poster. (5) Indian Information July 15th. (6) War series leaflets No. 112. (7) Victory Gazette—July 1945. No. 11.

SALEM.—Posters, war reviews and other propaganda materials received from the Madras Provincial War Committee were promptly distributed throughout this district.

TANJORE.—All publicity materials were distributed to all Junior Information Officers. Posters also were sent to the Headmaster, Board High School, Nannilam, to exhibit in connection with Silver Jubilee Celebration of the school.

The War Effort and Government Departments

The Agricultural Department

Finance.—The following contributions were made by the staff of the department during the month:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Defence Savings Provident Fund	1,050	0	0
(ii) Defence Savings Stamps	74	0	0
(iii) Defence Savings Certificates	181	8	0
(iv) National Savings Certificates	222	8	0
(v) War and Prize Bonds	9	4	0
(vi) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund	14	13	0
(vii) Hundi collections, etc.	9	9	0
(viii) Postal Savings Certificates	4	0	0
Total	1,565	10	0

The touring staff of the department continued their vigorous propaganda about the war against Japan during the first half of the month. The offcers of the department took part in the Victory Day Celebrations on the 20th August 1945. The public were exhorted to continue their contributions for further work regarding Post-war Reconstruction and they were also advised to take advantage of the various Defence Savings Funds and save more through them.

Propaganda was continued regarding the Grow More Food Campaign. The public were informed of the necessity to continue to grow more food. The various concessions given and the facilities offered by Government with this end in view were explained to them. The sale of manures, seeds and implements, grant of Takkavi loans, free grant of seeds, etc., through the department continued during the month.

The Co-operative Department

War propaganda.—Before the cessation of hostilities in the Far East, the officers and subordinates of the Co-operative department carried on propaganda as usual on all aspects of the war. The various pamphlets, leaflets, posters, etc., issued by the National War Front organization were distributed to co-operative societies and their contents given wide publicity. The news of the Allies' Victory in the East and the unconditional surrender of the Japanese were received with great relief and delight by the public. The memorable 'Victory Day' was celebrated with great eclat and rejoicings by all co-operative institutions some of which did poor feeding on the occasion.

The officers brought home to the agriculturists the immediate need to conserve all their savings and practise thrift so as to provide against the economic depression that might set in at any time since the war has ended. Intensive propaganda was carried on as usual to induce people to grow more food-crops and vegetables for bringing all the waste lands under cultivation. The concessions granted by the Government in the assignment of waste lands and the grant of interest-free loans were explained to them and they were asked to take full advantage of these concessions.

Grow More Food Campaign.—The campaign for 'Grow More Food' was continued vigorously by all the officers and subordinates of the department. The pamphlets on 'Grow More Food' and the monthly journal issued by the Agricultural department were as usual distributed to the public through co-operative institutions. The ryots were exhorted to grow more food-crops and to help to mitigate the distress caused by insufficient food in the country. They were appraised of the advantages of using improved varieties of seeds, chemical manures and resorting to better methods of cultivation. The Nandyal and the Kurnool Marketing Societies took up the distribution of municipal compost manure to the ryots in furtherance of the campaign. The Tinnevelly Co-operative Sale Society distributed manure worth Rs. 968 during the month. The Vellore and Arcot Loan and Sale Societies in North Arcot district also purchased and distributed manure to members. The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society did much in furtherance of the campaign. During the month under review it sold 675 bags of manure valued at Rs. 1,713 to its members and it tried to obtain the compost of the Ootacamund and Coonoor municipalities for supply to its members. The Tindivanam Sale Society in the South Arcot district purchased and distributed oilcakes and sugarcane fertilisers to its members. The Chandragiri Sale Society in Chittoor district, the Hindupur Marketing Society in Anantapur district and the South Kanara Central Stores and the South Kanara Agricultural Wholesale Society in South Kanara district and the sale societies in Trichinopoly district also purchased and distributed compost manure during the month. A Field Labourers' Co-operative Society was registered in Kistna district during the month and another society for the poor ryots of the Nagayalanka village was under organisation, and the Collector assigned 151 acres 17 cents for Grow More Food scheme in the district.

Distribution of foodstuffs.—The co-operative stores in the Province continued to play a very important part in the procurement and equitable distribution of foodstuffs and essential commodities including controlled articles. The stores societies entrusted with the distribution of rationed articles in Kurnool and Nandyal towns, worked the rationing scheme successfully. The Ellore and Palacole branches of the Godavari Central Stores were recognised as wholesale distributors of rice in the rationed areas of Ellore and Palacole respectively. The Trichinopoly Co-operative Central Stores in Trichinopoly district continued to be the sole distributor of rice in rationed areas of Trichinopoly, Srirangam and Karur and two villages, Kolatur and Sembattur. In the Tinnevelly district the 81 co-operative stores continued to play an important role in the procurement and equitable distribution of essential commodities to the public. The value of purchases and sales of the Central Co-operative Stores during the month amounted to Rs. 74,271 and Rs. 4,27,107 respectively. The co-operative credit societies, and stores societies in the Coimbatore district that were selected as retail distributors under the rural rationing scheme continued to play their part satisfactorily. In the taluks of Cuddapah, Badvel and Proddatur of Cuddapah district the procurement scheme was worked successfully during this month also. In the South Kanara district the District Co-operative Wholesale Stores, primary stores and credit societies have done their best to solve the consumers' problem in the district. During the month under review the co-operative wholesale stores in that district effected sales amounting to Rs. 21,18,866. The Mangalore Co-operative Milk Supply Union and its three affiliated feeder societies did their best to relieve the distress of the milk consumers in the town. During August 1945 it sold more than 11,000 kuthis of milk to the public. The Co-operative Central Stores in Bellary district continued the rice monopoly scheme and distributed rice and other essential commodities to public through primary stores both in rationed and non-rationed areas. The Madura-Ramnad Co-operative Wholesale Stores effected sales to the extent of Rs. 7,66,235 as a wholesale distributor of foodstuffs. The co-operative wholesale stores in the Chingleput district supplied

Victory over Japan Day in Pollachi—Photo of the Procession.

foodstuffs and controlled articles both to the public and the Military. It effected sales to the extent of Rs. 18,647 in the three depots opened for the military. Distribution of firewood also was undertaken by the same stores. The co-operative stores in other districts also made laudable attempts to solve the consumers problem and ease the food situation in the Province.

National Savings Scheme.—The investments made by the Co-operative Banks and Societies and the officers of the Co-operative Department in the various forms of defence savings amounted to Rs. 14,51,530 from 1st April to 31st July 1945.

War Orders.—The Madras and Coimbatore Co-operative Milk Supply Unions continued to supply milk and milk products to the Military to the satisfaction of the authorities. The quantity of milk and milk products supplied by them during the month was as follows:—

	Madras Co-operative Milk Supply Union.	Coimbatore Co-operative Milk Supply Union.
Variety—	LB.	LB.
Milk ..	243,425	465,805
Butter ..	..	499

The Kodur Fruit Growers' Society in the Cuddapah district supplied fruits to the Military as usual. The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society supplied 2,900 bags of potatoes valued at Rs. 73,963 to the Army and Navy at Colombo. The Co-operative Wholesale Stores in the Chingleput district executed war orders amounting to Rs. 3,789 during the month. The Rajahmundry Fruit Growers' Society in East Godavari district supplied Batavian oranges worth Rs. 1,38,331 to the Military.

The Connemara Public Library

The different pamphlets, maps and pictures that were received at this Library were regularly placed on the readers' table for the use of the public.

The Librarian subscribed Rs. 40 a month to the Defence Savings Provident Fund.

The Educational Department

During the month under report a sum of Rs. 40 was collected from the members of the staff of the Director of Public Instruction's office and out of this sum four Prize Bonds were purchased.

The posters received were distributed among the educational institutions of the Province.

Ten applications from the subordinates of this department for posts in the Defence Services were received and forwarded with the Director of Public Instruction's recommendations. Of these three were for Emergency Commissions.

The Government Museum

The use of the Museum Theatre was given free of rent and electric charges for the following performances:—

6th to 11th August and 13th to 18th August 1945 (12 performances)—" The Three Arts Ballet " performances by the E.N.S.A. Entertainments to troops.

The Industrial Department

Industrial Engineering Section—Madras Subdivision.—Two H.B. sets were engaged for Military authorities at Avadi and Pattabiram.

Chingleput Subdivision.—Four T.E. sets and one S.M. engine were engaged in supplying water to the Military personnel for drinking purposes.

Coimbatore division.—One T.E. set and one power drill set were engaged in connexion with water-supply to the Aerodrome personnel.

Tanjore division.—One T.E. set and one H.B. set were engaged throughout the month at the Ulundurpet Aerodrome.

Tinnevelly.—One power drill continued to be engaged on the third boring in an aerodrome in the district.

Vizagapatam Aerodrome.—One S.M. engine and one H.B. set were engaged in supplying water to the R.A.F. personnel.

Sericultural Section—Mulberry Expansion.—In Kollegal and Talavadi taluks, about 1,200 acres and 220 acres respectively have been brought under mulberry cultivation.

Seed supply.—A quantity of 125,000 disease-free layings by the Government grainages and 175,000 disease-free laying by the aided grainages were prepared and distributed to the rearers for raising high grade cross-breed cocoons. About 7,000 disease-free laying of foreign races were prepared and made available for distribution.

About 2 lakhs of pure Mysore seed cocoons were drawn from the seed areas in Hosur taluk for the preparation of cross-breed seeds in Kollegal taluk.

A quantity of 42,650 lb. of high grade cocoons was supplied to the two silk filatures at Kollegal for purposes of reeling parachute quality silk.

Government Textile Institute, Madras.—Eight Military personnel have been selected and deputed by S.R.L.O. for training in the institute and they are undergoing the course.

Government Industrial School, Bellary.—One fitter trainee was admitted for training during the period under review.

Government Industrial School, Madura.—Two hundred and ninety-two trainees were given intensive training in various trades in the institute and 17 trainees were despatched to Army Units.

Government School of Technology.—The training of war technicians continued to progress satisfactorily. During the month under report, there were 118 technicians in the school under training in various trades.

Kollegal Silk Filatures, Kollegal.—The following quantities of parachute quality silk were produced in this filatures during August 1945.

	LB.	OZ.
1. 24/28 denier A quality silk	1,115	8
2. Do. B do.	1,026	4
3. Do. Special do.	618	5
Total ..	2,760	1

And a quantity of 1,000 lb. of silk was tendered to O.I.D., Bangalore, for the Supply department.

Fisheries Section.—The following amounts were contribued towards—

Name of fund.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
His Excellency the Governor's War Fund	30	10	1
Defence Savings Provi ent Fund	101	8	0
National Savings Certificates	30	0	0

The Inspector of Fisheries, Viazgapatam, supplied 9,640 lb. of fresh fish and 731 lb. of smoked fish to the military authorities.

The Madras Record Office

A sum of Rs. 72 was subscribed to the Defence Savings Provident Fund by the officers and staff of this office. They also contibuted Rs. 26 for the purchase of Defence Savings Certificates. The Curator contributed 10 per cent of his salary towards the Defence Savings Provident Fund and Certificates.

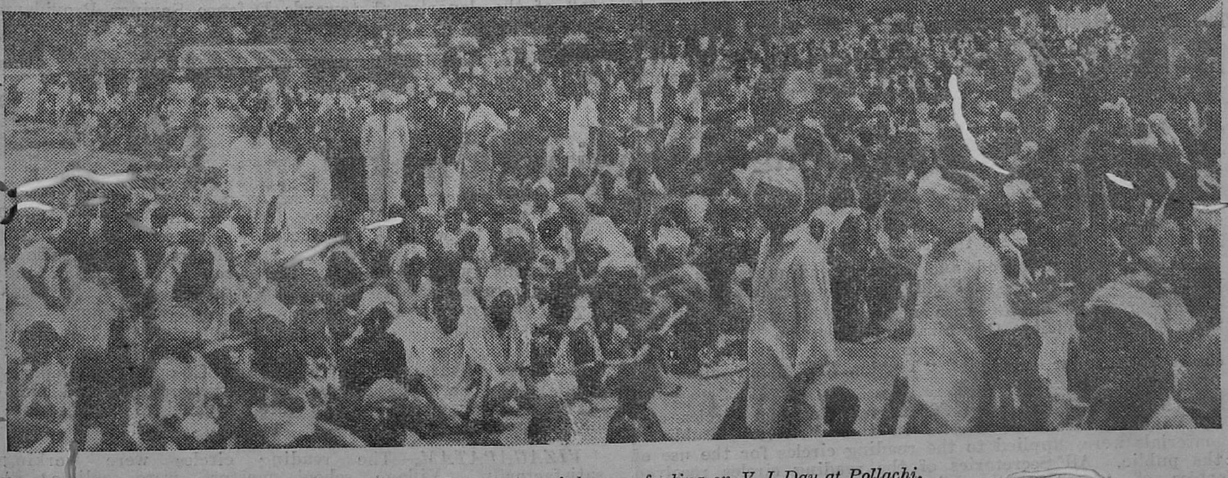


Photo taken on the occasion of the poor feeding on V-J Day at Pollachi.

Photo taken on the occasion of V.-J. Day Celebration at Papanasam, Tanjore District.

The Medical Department

The Propaganda Unit appointed in connection with recruitment to the I.A.M.C. and other quasi-military medical services continued to function during the month.

Two newly qualified doctors and seven final year students to Military Medical Services, two films on Army Medical visit the Army Medical Training Centre (India), Poona, during the month of August 1945.

As one of the possible measures to stimulate recruitment to Military Medical Services two films on Army Medical work styled as "Carriage of the Wounded" and "First Aid in the Field" produced by the Army authorities, were exhibited at the Casino Theatre, Madras, on Sunday, the 12th August 1945, with a view to acquainting the Civil Medical Profession of the nature of work done by Medical Officers in the Army.

One meeting of the Madras Provincial (I.M.S.) Recruitment Committee and one meeting of the Madras Provincial (I.A.M.C.) Recruitment Committee were held during the month under report to select candidates for appointment to Military Medical Services.

Recruitment to the Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary) was continued during the month, as usual. With the termination of war in the Far East, recruitment to the Auxiliary Nursing Service was stopped.

During the month under report, 153 First Aid certificates and 25 Home Nursing certificates were issued. Sanction of the Headquarters was obtained for the formation of an Ambulance Division at Kurnool known as "The Kurnool Coles Memorial High School Ambulance Division".

The Madras Port Department

The following contributions were made by the officers and staff of the Madras Port Department:—

Defence Savings Provident Fund—Rs. 455.

Defence Savings Stamps for National Savings Certificates—Rs. 95.

Defence Saving Certificates—Rs. 1-8-0.

Prize Bonds—Rs. 50.

The Public Health Department

The Public Health staff delivered a large number of talks and lectures with as well as without magic lanterns demonstrations. They advised people to purchase defence savings certificates.

The Police Department

A sum of Rs. 36-14-0 was subscribed by the men of the Madras City Police towards the War Fund and 7 Police Constables of the Madras City Police donated their blood to the Blood Bank in August 1945.

The Registration Department

The Sub-Registrars in charge of Reading Circles made frequent visits to their circles, addressed public meetings explaining the victory over Japan achieved by the Allied-Nations in the East and celebrated the V-J Day. The importance of growing more food and of the Defence Savings campaign was also brought home to the people.

The officers of this department realised the following amounts by voluntary contribution from the public towards:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) National Savings Certificates	10,590	0	0
(ii) Defence Savings Bonds	12,0 8	0	0
(iii) Defence Savings Bank Account	2,005	0	0
(iv) Victory loan	200	0	0
(v) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund ..	143	0	0
(vi) Soldiers' Club Fund	1,153	0	0

Contributions made by the Registration staff towards the following funds:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Defence Savings Provident Fund	723	0	0
(ii) Defence Savings Bank Account	47	0	0
(iii) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund ..	8	0	0

The Veterinary Department

Durng the month, a sum of Rs. 2 was donated by the members of the department and another sum of Rs. 98-10-0 was collected from hundi boxes kept at the Veterinary Institutions and remitted towards His Excellency the Madras Governor's War Fund. Defence Savings Certificates and stamps to the value of Rs. 1,044-8-0 were purchased by the staff. A sum of Rs. 789-8-0 was contributed by the staff of the department towards Defence Savings Provident Fund.

The usual propaganda work was done by the staff of the department.

Village Reading Circles

COIMBATORE.—The Junior Information Officers checked the reading circles during the month in their respective jurisdictions. They were functioning satisfactorily.

SALEM.—One hundred and fifteen reading circles were visited by the Officials of Field Publicity Organization.

Many reading circles were inspected by the officials of the Field Publicity Organization, Revenue Officials and other Government servants during the month. The reading circles got regular supply of "Yuddha Sanchikai" and other propaganda materials.

TANJORE.—There were 865 Mens' Reading Circles and 51 Womens' Reading Circles in this district. Publicity materials were supplied to the reading circles for the use of the public. All Secretaries of the reading circles received copies of "Yuddha Sanchikai" from the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras. All reading circles were reported to be working satisfactorily. These reading circles were very often inspected by the officers and necessary instructions were issued for the proper working of the reading circles.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Junior Information Officers of the Field Publicity Organization in all visited 59 reading circles during the month. Besides, the staff of the Educational, Agricultural, Registration and Co-operative departments visited a large number of reading circles and most of the reading circles visited were reported to be functioning properly.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The reading circles were working satisfactorily. Village school masters were enlisted as members of reading circle committees.

Review of Radio Programmes

Madras

With Japan accepting the Potsdam Declaration of the Allies, the war in the East came to an end. A.I.R., Madras, had special programmes to celebrate this victory over Japan. Broadcasting at 9 p.m. on 16th August 1945, Right Reverend Michael Hollis, the Lord Bishop of Madras, expressed gratitude to all those who had stood up in the defence of Freedom and Democracy and appealed to every thinking man to put himself to the task of creating the conditions of true peace. His Excellency the Hon'ble Sir Arthur Hope, G.C.I.E., M.C., Governor of Madras, spoke on 20th August 1945 on the final and successful termination of Second World War and congratulated the people of the Madras Presidency for the part they have played in bringing this war to such a glorious conclusion. Mr. M. Radhakrishna Pillai, Mayor of Madras, also spoke on the same day in Tamil. He pleaded for large hearted statesmanship and a world view of human affairs which alone could achieve lasting peace. Lt.-Col. S. J. Lemin gave an eye-witness account of the victory parade in the city and His Excellency the Governor's State Drive. There were special features for women and children and variety programmes for school children. A symposium of opinion on 'What victory means to me' by students of various colleges in the city was broadcast at 3 p.m. on 20th August 1945. Victory songs were sung by S. Rajeswara Rao, S. P. L. Danalakshmi, T. S. Damayanti and P. Bhanumathi with orchestral accompaniments. Mention must also be made of the relay of thanksgiving service from the St. George's Cathedral at 6-50 p.m. on 19th August 1945.

Earlier in the month there were the usual talks on war effort and war reviews in Tamil and Telugu. Yuddha Gati, a news feature in Telugu, was broadcast on 2nd August 1945. Speaking on the same day on 'Security Drive' in the series 'Common Cause', Second Lt. A. P. Naidu stressed the need to ensure security to our valiant soldiers at home and abroad. Mr. P. Venkatarama Rao Gupta dwelt upon the small savings scheme in a talk in Telugu on 6th August 1945. The magnificient help rendered by America to the cause of Democracy was the subject of a Tamil talk on 4th August 1945 by Mr. S. Swaminathan.

The provisions of the various notifications under the Hoarding, Profiteering and Prevention Ordinances were explained in a large number of broadcasts and publicity was given regularly to the convictions under the Ordinances with a view to educate the public and to warn profiteers of the dangers of dabbling in black-market activities.

'The Process of Pacification' in the series 'Enduring Peace' was the subject of a talk in English by Sir Robert Denniston on 9th August 1945. In his opinion the problem was to produce peace—peace in thought and action—out of defeat, bitterness and hatred. He said that all attempts merely to suppress warmongers would prove futile. Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director, Field Publicity Organization, Madras, detailed 'The Promise that peace holds' on 23rd August 1945 and appealed for the continuation of the close union between the Great Powers of the world.

Another aspect of the problems of peace was dealt with by Mr. John Spiers in his broadcast on 30th August 1945. The peoples who fought and won this war, fought for the values they held dear and without which they considered life not worthwhile. Thinkers and writers have contributed in no small measure in upholding these values in keeping alive the spirit of freedom and justice. Mr. Spiers emphasized the importance of the help these writers and thinkers can render in winning the peace.

The gallantry of the Madrassi soldiers was described in the weekly programme 'Fighting Forces' arranged in collaboration with the Inter-Services Public Relations Directorate, Southern Army.

There were regular relays from the B.B.C. of Wickham Steed's 'World Affairs' as well as the broadcasts of Mr. Clement Attlee, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and of His Majesty the King-Emperor in connection with the conclusion of the war.

News talks and weekly reviews in Malayalam and Kannada continued to be broadcast as usual.

The total number of such items broadcast during the month was 142.

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Trichinopoly

World War II that began in September 1939 ended in August with the final rout of the Japanese, close on the heels of the termination of the War in the West in May 1945. The surrender by the Japanese was officially announced to the world on the 15th August by Mr. Clement Attlee, the British Prime Minister, in a B.B.C. broadcast and the same was electrically recorded and rebroadcast from Delhi and relayed by all centres of All-India Radio. Victory messages followed from His Excellency Lord Wavell, His Majesty the King-Emperor, and His Excellency the Governor of Madras which were relayed by this centre. V.J. Day programmes originating from this station started with the thanksgiving address in Tamil by Rev. Canon J. G. Koil Pillai and in English by Rev. Cyril C. Eastwood of the Methodist Mission on the 19th. V.J. Day was observed in our province on the 20th August 1945. Songs were specially composed for the occasion by Mr. K. S. Ramaswami of our staff and by Mr. K. M. Balasubramaniam, Provincial Song Publicity Officer, . Fied Publicity Organization, Madras, and were rendered by staff artists on the morning and in the programmes for the villages. The special programme for children was arranged with the assistance of Mr. M. P. Periaswami, Headmaster, Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Coimbatore. The play written by him was produced by Radio Anna. Mrs. Kamala Iravatam addressed the women and exhorted her sisters to come forward for social service so that women could play their part towards the establishment of World Peace. The programmes for women concluded with Vetri Kummi by staff artists. Mr. T. V. Apparasundara Mudaliyar, M.A., L.T., M.ED. (Leeds), DIP. ED. (Leeds), M.R.A.S., F.B.E.E. (London), District Educational Officer, Trichinopoly, described the contribution of youth to Allied Victory and glorious days that lie ahead in the India of to-morrow. The significance of the victory was the theme of the talk in Tamil by Sir P. T. Rajan and he was followed by Khan Bahadur P. Khalifullah Sahib Bahadur, Councillor, Pudukottah, speaking on the triumph of Democracy. Sachivothama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., Diwan of Travancore, speaking in English, explained what the end of the War would mean to the World, and the problems of peace were analysed by Mr. M. Rutnaswami, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University and Constitutional Adviser to the Government of Mysore. 'Reunion' a special feature written by Mr. N. Raghavan was broadcast in rural programmes.

The broadcasts in the series, 'Background to the News', 'History is Made' and the usual relays of weekly reviews of World Affairs by Wickham Steed were continued as usual.

With the cessation of hostilities the problems of peace have come in for their share of consideration. The service that women could further this end in view was explained in the broadcasts by Mrs. Jean Watson and Mrs. Pappammal Chinnadorai in their talks entitled "The Indian Women's Civic Corps". Government measures for controlling prices, influation and black-markets continued to be explained as topical items on Tuesdays.

FAREWELL !

With this issue we take leave of our readers. **Victory** has served its purpose since its inception in September 1941 in presenting a factual monthly report of the mighty war effort made by Government bodies and by affiliated organizations. The war is over. Victory in the field of battle, which was the goal of all the activities recorded and co-ordinated in our pages has been achieved. To all our contributors— our grateful thanks and farewell.

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